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NEWSLETTER

ROTARY E-CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA D9270

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## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH and FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Time marches on and our Club has had a busy January. Firstly we had to tie up the loose ends of ECR Toy Story, then we took delivery and have started distributing 27 new Wheel chairs to worthy recipients and in between all that we have had our DG visit and inducted a further member.

We have also taken a decision that we will support the applications of Youth Exchange Students on the Short Term programme.

We have started perfecting our website and the Make up Section is now in working order. Several articles have been posted in the NEWS section and will be referred to elsewhere in OUTA SPACE. Now if you have any articles that you feel are worthy of adding please forward them to me or to our Executive Secretary, Irene Kotze.

With our Directors now firmly in place, it is time that they be heard through the medium of OUTA SPACE so I believe that it is appropriate that space be allocated in the second publication in the Month for the Directors to have their say. So think about what you wish to report in the 28<sup>th</sup> February OUTA SPACE – successes and future plans /activities would probably be most appropriate but I leave that to you.

During his address DG Rob referred to PETS and I saw a few puzzled expressions from our members. Rotary is full of these acronyms and it is quite mind boggling at times. Well PETS initially was President Elect, Treasurers & Secretaries training but now it is President Elect Training Seminar, with the Secretaries and Treasurers receiving training at the District Assembly break away sessions.

*Have FUN*

*Editor – Gerald Sieberhagen*

**Please remember that it is the responsibility of each member to introduce prospective members.**

**Members should always be on the lookout for suitable projects that would be suitable for our E-Club to undertake.**

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

#### FEBRUARY

2<sup>ND</sup> Tino Stefano  
19<sup>th</sup> Linda Watts  
26<sup>th</sup> Stuart Brooks  
27<sup>th</sup> Sue Sieberhagen

#### ANNIVERSARIES

#### FEBRUARY

10<sup>th</sup> Noel & Vanessa Moodley  
10<sup>th</sup> Johnny & Gillian Stark

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARISE:

11<sup>th</sup> February – Basic PRLS [Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar]

**Details about PRLS will be listed on our Website.**

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Rotary Internationals 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Any thoughts on how we can celebrate this in a meaningful way**

3<sup>rd</sup> March – PETS [President Elect Training Seminar] at Mount Edgecombe Country Club

31<sup>st</sup> March – District Assembly – Board Members to attend if possible  
**Coastlands Hotel on Umhlanga Rocks Dr**

6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May – Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May – D9270 **District Conference** at Wild Coast Sun.

**Closing date for Registration is 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**2019**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN DURBAN in JUNE**

## DISTRICT9270 CONFERENCE AT WILD COAST SUN 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012

There was not much of a response from the members regarding the TOPIC regarding the District Conference. Thank you to those members who did respond. I would like to repeat the response I got from John Fannin who has attended well in excess of 20 District Conferences.

"Living on the West Coast, it is not possible for me to attend the District 9270 Conference at the Wild Coast Sun this year. However, I would urge as many E-Club members as possible to attend this Conference. Over the years, I learnt more about the "Wonderful World of Rotary" from attending Conferences, than reading Rotary literature. There is the opportunity to meet and interact with Fellow Rotarians from all over District 9270, to learn from their successes and failures, and to make life-long friends in Rotary. You will come away from a Conference feeling that you really belong to the "Great Family of Rotary".

John Fannin

I can only endorse what John has said. I have come away from every one of the 17 District Conferences that I have attended with a bit more knowledge and many more friends.

The Wild Coast Sun is particularly suited for a family week-end away – there is lots for better halves and children to do. So please give it a lot of thought.

We may also want to consider having a space at the conference to publicise our E-Club and the projects we are involved in. Hard work, yes, but probably well worth it.

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## THEME FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR 2012-2013

### TO ADVANCE WORLD UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND PEACE

Everything we do through our Rotary clubs — from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace. In one way or another, all of the excellent programs of the Rotary Foundation (TRF) contribute to world peace and understanding.

Part of the mission statement of the Rotary Foundation is to “enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace”. World understanding, goodwill and peace; Those words echo through all of TRF's programs.

President-elect Sakuji Tanaka selected **PEACE THROUGH SERVICE** as the 2012-2013 Theme.

**If you want to read the full speech by RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka when he announced the theme for the next Rotary year, please see it on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)**

## BLOUVLEI SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

On page 5 you will see a photo of Kenan Jacobs who received a wheel chair from our Rotary E-Club. This is a school that Jayne Martin has contact with through her Afritwin project.

She writes: *They actually need another wheelchair too!! [This will be provided when Sue & I next visit the Cape in April] Our Afritwin teacher Gideon Pieterse is hoping to take the school to Goudini Spa (near Worcester) for a school camp and has a costing for this. They last had a camp a year ago I think at Fresh Water in Simonstown and he says that the learners have been asking when they can have a camp again. Could our E Club consider supporting this school from time to time to have a camp as the learners are from extremely poor backgrounds, and the school struggles to get any fees paid?*

*The last camp was a sponsored one by the Cape Times I think. I did ask Gideon to send me the costings for the camp he is hoping to do.*

So E-Club members what do you think? We probably have R1 000 in our Project Funds which we could contribute at this stage. I know John Fannin has agreed to a personal donation – well done John.

**When you have to make a hard decision, flip a coin. Why?  
Because when the coin is in the air...You suddenly know what  
you are hoping for.**

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Members of the Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270, some obscured, with DG Rob & Marge Gilligan at the DG's Official visit.



Above left: Our newest member, Jenna Reinbach, listens intently while being inducted by President Gerald Sieberhagen. Above right: Johnny Stark was a worthy and proud recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship presented by DG Rob Gilligan.

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Here is a delightful Kenan Jacobs, aged 13 years who never attended school until two years' ago. He now attends Blouvllei School in the Cape. He is encouraged to walk with support during school, but because he is slow, it really helps to have the Rotary E Club wheelchair when they go out.



A delighted Maureen Dlamini seated in her new wheel chair. She is 35 yrs old, permanently disabled and once had a wheel chair which broke so for quite some time she has had to get around by crawling.

Quite a few members have asked me about the photo on the right. Well, I once owned those yellow crocs. So picture me in those yellow crocs with some water on the top step. Then picture a horizontal take off with the back of my legs, just below the calf landing on one of the lower steps at the same time as my well padded bum hit the next step while my back wacked into the next step, fortunately, slightly on my side and fortunately there was no step for my head. I was extremely fortunate that I didn't come down squarely on my back and damage a vertebra. I only fractured a rib, which as you know is quite uncomfortable, but I am on the mend again!



## Rotary is 'well on the way' to a new Foundation.



Past RI President, William B. Boyd, Rotary Foundation trustee chair, gave incoming district governors an update on the Future Vision Plan. .

Halfway through the three-year pilot of the Future Vision Plan, Rotarians are designing innovative projects and providing valuable feedback that will help improve The Rotary Foundation's new grant-making model.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd shared these and other highlights from the pilot during the International Assembly -- an annual training meeting for incoming district governors -- this week in San Diego, California, USA.

"We are on a Future Vision journey that will lead us to a new Foundation," said Boyd, noting that "we are well on the way."

Boyd said Future Vision is built on the principles of simplicity and sustainability, and a desire to involve districts, clubs, and Rotarians more in spending and stewardship.

Under Future Vision, the number of grant types is being streamlined from 12 to just two: global grants and district grants. [Global grants](#) support large international activities with sustainable impact in one or more of the six [areas of focus](#). [District grants](#) can be used for a wide range of activities that align with the [Foundation's mission](#).

All districts will begin using the new model on 1 July 2013. Boyd said that concentrating on the six areas of focus has been one of the chief advantages of the plan.

"We needed to lift ourselves above the multitude of little projects that felt good but addressed symptoms, not causes, and were too short-term in their benefits," he said. "We have finite resources and cannot do everything for everybody, but these are key areas in which Rotarians can make a difference. We can change the world."

Boyd described the service activities of District 5020 (parts of British Columbia, Canada, and Washington, USA), one of the 100 districts participating in the Future Vision pilot. Through a dozen global grants, district Rotarians have supplied schools in Kenya with books in English and Swahili, installed solar panels at schools in Peru and the Philippines, and furnished classrooms and washrooms at a vocational and literacy school in Honduras.

"We are seeing Future Vision re-energizing clubs, so that they are breaking from the cycle of doing last year's projects this year and again next year," Boyd said.

Boyd told incoming district governors that they can prepare for the global launch of Future Vision by closing old Matching Grant reports so they can focus on new projects, and by tapping resources like the [regional Rotary Foundation coordinators](#). He also encouraged them to think big, to keep pushing boundaries, and to avoid trying to fit old procedures into the new model.

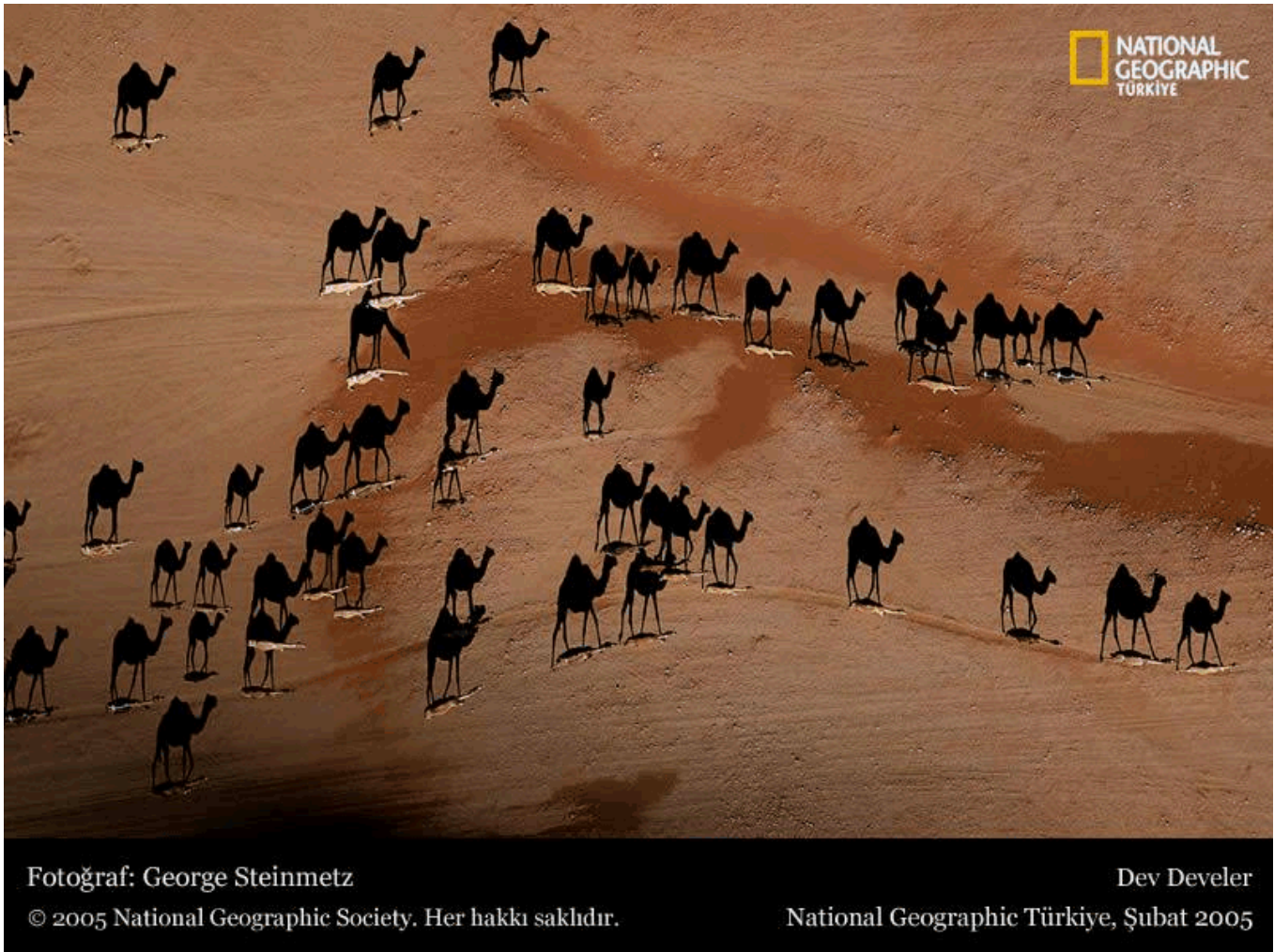
"We are here to serve, and each one of us is a Rotarian because we know that our lives are measured by what we do for others and not by what we do for ourselves," he said.

During the assembly's third plenary session, Trustee Chair-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson also set out the Foundation's goals for 2012-13, which are eradicating polio, achieving *Peace Through Service*, strengthening the Foundation through the [Annual Fund](#), and providing good stewardship of Foundation funds at the district level.

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**Don't miss the note below the picture!**



**This is a picture taken directly above these camels in the desert at sunset. It is considered one of the best pictures of the year. Look closely, the camels are the little white lines in the picture. The black you see are just the shadows! This picture was inserted especially for our member Susan Hawkins**



This fortnight's competition..... The first member who can tell me what is wrong with the sign on the left will win the prize. Email your answer to [geraldandsue@mweb.co.za](mailto:geraldandsue@mweb.co.za)